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SUBJECT : PAIGC COMMUNIQUE ALLEGES THAT MERCENARY FORCE
IS EN ROUTE TO GUINEA-BISSAU

1. PAIGC COMMUNIQUE READ ON CONAKRY RADIO 1245 GMT JUNE 7 STATES THAT PAIGC HAS RECEIVED REPORT (NO SOURCE SPECIFIED) THAT TWO BOATLOADS OF "AFRICAN MERCENARIES IN THE PAY OF A FOREIGN POWER" HAVE SET SAIL FROM DAKAR FOR GUINEA-BISSAU WITH GOAL OF JOINING UP WITH CERTAIN FRIENDLY AFRICAN UNITS IN THE PORTUGUESE ARMY AND TAKING CONTROL OF CAPITAL CITY, BISSAU. MOST OF MERCENARIES ARE BISSAUIANS WHO HAVE BEEN IN EXILE, BUT OTHER AFRICANS INCLUDED.

2. PAIGC WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES, COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES, BUT "PROVISIONAL PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT", "WHOSE FORCES STILL OCCUPY CAPITAL OF BISSAU", IS ADVISED THAT IT WILL BE HELD ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE IF THIS MERCENARY FORCE SUCCEEDS IN ACCOMPLISHING OBJECTIVES. MOREOVER, COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES, "SUCH A SITUATION WOULD NOT FAIL TO COMPROMISE NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS BETWEEN PAIGC AND PORTUGAL."

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COMMUNIQUE IS SIGNED BY ARISTIDES PEREIRA.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE MENTIONS DAKAR TWICE AS PLACE OF ORGANIZATION OF MERCENARY GROUP, BUT DOES NOT DIRECTLY ACCUSE SENGHOR OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR GOVERNMENT OF SUPPORTING THE MERCENARIES.

4. COMMENT: PAIGC NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN FOR BROADCASTING SUCH REPORTS; THIS ONE SOUNDS MORE LIKE KIND OF REPORT THAT GUINEAN GOVT MIGHT ISSUE. GUINEANS MAY WELL BE SOURCE OF PAIGC'S "INFORMATION"; IN ANY CASE COMMUNIQUE SERVES SEKOU TOURE'S INTERESTS AT LEAST IN DRIVING WEDGE BETWEEN SENGHOR AND PAIGC.

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